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Re DEPTEL 367

1. At meeting technical committee LARC March 24, Pitt-Hardacre was persuaded GOL request for large amounts additional aid premature since funds already available not yet firmly committed approved projects. Nevertheless GOL request for US FY 1956 will probably equal amount given first year ($3 million).

2. Do not understand Washington reaction GOL proposals having been made in LARC since that organ logical vehicle for requesting additional aid and request at hand not unexpected, as indicated by inclusion $3 million for Libya/Ethiopia in FY 1956 FOA/Washington budget presentation. In view economic needs Libya, GOL can be expected request more aid than US prepared grant. Actual development program must then be tailored fit cloth. GOL repeatedly warned amount additional aid might be zero, but US refusal give additional aid cannot be based on lack justifiable projects which are innumerable. Requests can only be held down in first years on arguments absorptive capacity unknown and demonstration effective utilization available funds prerequisite obtaining further funds.

3. Embassy feels inflexible attitude on additional aid at this time might jeopardize GOL cooperation on (A) implementation base agreement and (B) extension USAF additional facilities.

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